

REMARKS

By this paper, claims 1, 9, 14 and 22 are amended, no claims are added, and claims 2 and 15 are cancelled without prejudice and without disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 1, 3-14 and 16-26 are all of the pending claims. Support for the amendments presented above is provided throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the unamended and/or cancelled claims, or any other subject matter supported by the Specification, in one or more continuation applications. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is anticipated.

In light of the Board's decision overturning the rejection of claims 2, 9, 15 and 22, the claims have been amended as follows to place the case in condition for allowance. The subject matter of allowable claims 2 and 15 have been incorporated into independent claims 1 and 14, respectively. Dependent claims 9 and 22 have been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 14 (as previously presented) respectively.

CONCLUSION

Having addressed each of the foregoing objections and rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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